

disguise funds or assets derived from illegal activities (including, without limitation, the ownership, nature, source, location, or control of such funds or assets) as part of a plan to violate or evade any law or regulation or to avoid any transaction reporting requirement under federal law;

(ii) The transaction is designed to evade any regulations promulgated under the Bank Secrecy Act; or

(iii) The transaction has no business or apparent lawful purpose or is not the sort in which the particular customer would normally be expected to engage, and the bank knows of no reasonable explanation for the transaction after examining the available facts, including the background and possible purpose of the transaction.

(d) *Time for reporting.* A state member bank is required to file a SAR no later than 30 calendar days after the date of initial detection of facts that may constitute a basis for filing a SAR. If no suspect was identified on the date of detection of the incident requiring the filing, a state member bank may delay filing a SAR for an additional 30 calendar days to identify a suspect. In no case shall reporting be delayed more than 60 calendar days after the date of initial detection of a reportable transaction. In situations involving violations requiring immediate attention, such as when a reportable violation is on-going, the financial institution shall immediately notify, by telephone, an appropriate law enforcement authority and the Board in addition to filing a timely SAR.

(e) *Reports to state and local authorities.* State member banks are encouraged to file a copy of the SAR with state and local law enforcement agencies where appropriate.

(f) *Exceptions.* (1) A state member bank need not file a SAR for a robbery or burglary committed or attempted that is reported to appropriate law enforcement authorities.

(2) A state member bank need not file a SAR for lost, missing, counterfeit, or stolen securities if it files a report pursuant to the reporting requirements of 17 CFR 240.17f-1.

(g) *Retention of records.* A state member bank shall maintain a copy of any SAR filed and the original or business

record equivalent of any supporting documentation for a period of five years from the date of the filing of the SAR. Supporting documentation shall be identified and maintained by the bank as such, and shall be deemed to have been filed with the SAR. A state member bank must make all supporting documentation available to appropriate law enforcement agencies upon request.

(h) *Notification to board of directors.* The management of a state member bank shall promptly notify its board of directors, or a committee thereof, of any report filed pursuant to this section.

(i) *Compliance.* Failure to file a SAR in accordance with this section and the instructions may subject the state member bank, its directors, officers, employees, agents, or other institution-affiliated parties to supervisory action.

(j) *Confidentiality of SARs.* SARs are confidential. Any state member bank subpoenaed or otherwise requested to disclose a SAR or the information contained in a SAR shall decline to produce the SAR or to provide any information that would disclose that a SAR has been prepared or filed citing this section, applicable law (e.g., 31 U.S.C. 5318(g)), or both, and notify the Board.

(k) *Safe harbor.* The safe harbor provisions of 31 U.S.C. 5318(g), which exempts any state member bank that makes a disclosure of any possible violation of law or regulation from liability under any law or regulation of the United States, or any constitution, law or regulation of any state or political subdivision, covers all reports of suspected or known criminal violations and suspicious activities to law enforcement and financial institution supervisory authorities, including supporting documentation, regardless of whether such reports are filed pursuant to this section or are filed on a voluntary basis.

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**§ 208.21 Community development and public welfare investments.**

(a) *Definitions*—(1) *Low- or moderate-income area* means:

(i) One or more census tracts in a Metropolitan Statistical Area where the median family income adjusted for family size in each census tract is less than eighty percent of the median family income adjusted for family size of the Metropolitan Statistical Area; or

(ii) If not in a Metropolitan Statistical Area, one or more census tracts or block-numbered areas where the median family income adjusted for family size in each census tract or block-numbered area is less than eighty percent of the median family income adjusted for family size of the State.

(2) *Low- and moderate-income persons* has the same meaning as low- and moderate-income persons as defined in 42 U.S.C. 5302(a)(20)(A).

(3) *Small business* means a business that meets the size eligibility standards of 13 CFR 121.802(a)(2).

(b) *Investments that do not require prior Board approval.* Notwithstanding the provisions of section 5136 of the Revised Statutes (12 U.S.C. 24 (Seventh)) made applicable to State member banks by paragraph 20 of section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 335), a State member bank may make an investment, without prior Board approval, if the following conditions are met:

(1) The investment is in a corporation, limited partnership, or other entity;

(i) Where the Board has determined that an investment in that entity or class of entities is a public welfare investment under paragraph 23 of section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 338a), or a community development investment under Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.25(b)(6));

(ii) Where the Comptroller of the Currency has determined, by order or regulation, that an investment in that entity by a national bank is a public welfare investment under section 5136 of the Revised Statutes (12 U.S.C. 24 (Eleventh));

(iii) Where that entity is a community development financial institution as defined in section 103(5) of the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 (12 U.S.C. 4702(5)); or

(iv) Where that entity, directly or indirectly, engages solely in or makes

loans solely for the purposes of one or more of the following community development activities:

(A) Investing in, developing, rehabilitating, managing, selling, or renting residential property if a majority of the units will be occupied by low- and moderate-income persons or if the property is a "qualified low-income building" as defined in section 42(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 42(c)(2));

(B) Investing in, developing, rehabilitating, managing, selling, or renting nonresidential real property or other assets located in a low- or moderate-income area and targeted towards low- and moderate-income persons;

(C) Investing in one or more small businesses located in a low- or moderate-income area to stimulate economic development;

(D) Investing in, developing, or otherwise assisting job training or placement facilities or programs that will be targeted towards low- and moderate-income persons;

(E) Investing in an entity located in a low- or moderate-income area if that entity creates long-term employment opportunities, a majority of which (based on full time equivalent positions) will be held by low- and moderate-income persons; and

(F) Providing technical assistance, credit counseling, research, and program development assistance to low- and moderate-income persons, small businesses, or nonprofit corporations to help achieve community development;

(2) The investment is permitted by State law;

(3) The investment will not expose the State member bank to liability beyond the amount of the investment;

(4) The investment does not exceed the sum of two percent of the State member bank's capital stock and surplus as defined under 12 CFR 250.162;

(5) The aggregate of all such investments of the State member bank does not exceed the sum of five percent of its capital stock and surplus as defined under 12 CFR 250.162;

(6) The State member bank is well capitalized or adequately capitalized under §§ 208.33(b) (1) and (2);

(7) The State member bank received a composite CAMEL rating of “1” or “2” under the Uniform Financial Institutions Rating System as of its most recent examination and an overall rating of at least “satisfactory” as of its most recent consumer compliance examination; and

(8) The State member bank is not subject to any written agreement, cease and desist order, capital directive, prompt corrective action directive, or memorandum of understanding issued by the Board or a Federal Reserve Bank.

(c) *Notice.* Not more than 30 days after making an investment under paragraph (b) of this section, the State member bank shall advise its Federal Reserve Bank of the investment, including the amount of the investment and the identity of the entity in which the investment is made.

(d) *Investments requiring Board approval.* (1) With prior Board approval, a State member bank may make public welfare investments under paragraph 23 of section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 338a), other than those specified in paragraph (b) of this section.

(2) Requests for approval under this paragraph should include, at a minimum, the amount of the proposed investment, a description of the entity in which the investment is to be made, an explanation of why the investment is a public welfare investment under paragraph 23 of section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 338a), a description of the State member bank’s potential liability under the proposed investment, the amount of the State member bank’s aggregate outstanding public welfare investments under paragraph 23 of section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act, and the amount of the State member bank’s capital stock and surplus as defined in 12 CFR 250.162.

(3) The Board will act on a request under this paragraph within 60 calendar days after receipt of a request that meets the requirements of paragraph (d)(2) of this section, unless the Board notifies the requesting State member bank that a longer time period will be required.

(e) *Divestiture of investments.* A State member bank shall divest itself of an investment made under paragraph (b), (d) or (f) of this section to the extent that the investment exceeds the scope of, or ceases to meet, the requirements of paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(5), or paragraph (d) of this section. The divestiture shall be made in the manner specified in 12 CFR 225.140, Regulation Y, for interests acquired by a lending subsidiary of a bank holding company or the bank holding company itself in satisfaction of a debt previously contracted.

(f) *Preexisting investments.* (1) For ongoing investments made prior to January 9, 1995 that are covered by paragraph (b) of this section, a State member bank shall notify its Federal Reserve Bank of the investment not more than sixty days after January 9, 1995.

(2) For other ongoing investments made prior to January 9, 1995, a State member bank shall request Board approval not more than one year after January 9, 1995.

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**§ 208.22 Investment in bank premises.**

(a) Under Section 24A of the Federal Reserve Act, state member bank investments in bank premises or in the stock, bonds, debentures, or other such obligations of any corporation holding the premises of the bank, and loans on the security of the stock of such corporation, do not require the approval of the Board if the aggregate of all such investments and loans, together with the indebtedness incurred by any such corporation that is an affiliate of the bank (as defined in section 2 of the Banking Act of 1933, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 221a):

(1) Does not exceed the capital stock account of the bank; or

(2) Does not exceed 50 percent of the bank’s Tier 1 capital and the bank:

(i) Is well capitalized as defined in § 208.33(b)(1) of this part;

(ii) Received a composite CAMEL rating of “1” or “2” as of its most recent examination by the relevant Federal Reserve Bank or state regulatory authority; and